

Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the heading on line 17 of page 25, which is "Example 8."

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18, page 25, with the following amended paragraph:

The WC/W-Fe-Ni/WC FM composite of ~~Example 7~~ may be used as a strain measuring system. At elevated temperatures and under applied load, there is a change in the resistance of the metal phase within this tertiary FM system. The change in the resistance is measured and converted to applied strain, which is accomplished by applying a DC voltage at terminals on test coupons. The measured change in the resistance is calibrated and converted into applied strain on the system. For the FM system to perform as a strain gauge, a junction is needed to join the metal phases at either end. This is achieved during green fabrication by terminating the ends of test coupons.

Please replace the heading at line 10, page 26, with the following amended heading:

Example 8